(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether methodologies for forecasting plant diseases epidemics are being developed ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Evoluation of tolerant/resistant crop varieties integrated pest management ensuring availability of fungicides, enforcing qurantine-regulations and strengthening extension efforts are the major steps taken by the Government to control plant diseases.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Methodologies have been developed for forescasting onset of plant diseases and their epidemics by interpretation of epidemiological data in conjuction with significant environmental factors like temperature humidity, rainfall, sun shine cloudiness, etc. Air borne diseases like rusts of wheat are monitored by trap nurseries, spore traps and by mobile surveys. For other kind of diseases whether parameters are used for developing prognistic models.

Pending Report of the Institution etc. under Ministry of Agriculture

1397. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the Institutes, Commodity/ Statutory Boards etc. under the Ministry of Agriculture who have not so far brought out their Annual Reports for the year 1987-88 and reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard ;

(b) whether Government would make it obligatory that all the projects/Units produce factual reports which may be made available easily and speedily on cost to students/ teachers and others interests, unless these are banned/restricted on account of National Security; and

(c) whether Government would also ensure that such reports are put in atleast one designated library in each State for reference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Support prices for potato, onion and coconut

1398. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of coconut, potato and onion have crashed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are considering for providing support price to these produces; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV:) (a) and (b) During the year 1988-89, on account of substantial increase in production, the wholesale prices of coconut, onion and potatoes have come down from the high levels that prevailed in 1987-88.

(c) and (d) While the Government is considering fixation of minimum support price for copra, there is no such proposal in respect of onion and potato.

Expenditure on tribal sub plan in Orissa during 1988-89

1399. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount spent on Tribal Sub-Plan in Orissa during 1988-89;

(b) the amount likely to be spent in 1989-90;

(c) wheter there is unemployment among the tribals in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to remove unemployment among them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) The anticipated expenditure under Tribal Sub Plan in Orissa in 1988-89 from State Plan, Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Special Central Assistance is approximately Rs. 309 crores.

(b) Rs. 333 crores is likely to be spent under Tribal Sub Plan in Orissa during 1989-90.

(c) and (d) Unemployment among tribals in the State is being tackled through various rural employment programmes, self-employment programmes and appointment to posts under the State Government and State Undertakings as per the Reservation Act of the State.

Grant to Corporation of Madras

@1399-A. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *ALIAS* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have granted any amount to the Corporation of Madras in connection with its completion of 300 years ; and

(b) if so, how much amount has been granted to the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

बिहार सरकार को भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक का नोटिस

@@1399-ख. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने बिहार राज्य सरकार को सूचित किया है कि यदि बिहार स्टेट को-आपरेटिव यूनियन ने दिनांक 30 अप्रैल, 1989 तक अपने लेखे ठीक नहीं किये तो वह उन्हें दिये गये 13 करोड़ रुपये की राशि पर दाण्डिक ब्याज लेने लगेंगे ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यूनियन द्वारा की गई वित्तीय अनियमितताओं का ब्यौरा क्या है और उनके लिए कौन लोग जिम्मेदार थे ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री श्याम लाल यादव) : (क) तथा (ख) बिहार सरकार, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक और नाबार्ड से जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Support price for cotton

£1399-C. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revise the support price for cotton; and

@Previously unstarred Question 1013 transferred from the 4th May, 1989.

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